

The Honorable Richard A. Jones

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
JESUS GARNICA-MELGOZA,  
Defendant.

No. CR20-197 RAJ

ORDER

THE COURT has considered the joint motion to proceed with guilty plea by video or telephonic hearing, along with all the records and files in this case and the General Orders currently in effect.

THE COURT FINDS that the circumstances are as set forth in the parties' motion and that a video or telephonic guilty plea hearing may take place as soon as practical, because further delays in this case would cause "serious harm to the interests of justice," *see* General Order No. 04-20 (extended by General Order 16-21), for the reasons set forth in the parties' joint motion. Accordingly,

THE COURT ORDERS that the motion (Dkt. 262) is GRANTED. The parties may proceed with a plea hearing by telephone and/or video conference, consistent with

1 current procedures established by this Court, and directs the parties to consult with one  
2 another and the Court to schedule such a hearing at a mutually acceptable date and time.

3 DATED this 18th day of February, 2022.  
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9 The Honorable Richard A. Jones  
10 United States District Judge  
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